MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether that is the rule; because, if so, we should ascertain, before asking such questions, whether the information we want is available in any of the publications of Government.

PRESIDENT: When information is available in Government publications, which could be got by purchase or otherwise, it does not seem necessary to put them on paper here, nor does it seem very useful for members to ask Government for such information.

Opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira.

386 MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has ever been drawn to the necessity of opening a dispensary at Puthenchira in the Parur taluk;

(*b*) whther sanction for one has ever been given;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, why the sanction was not given effect to;

(*d*) whether the Inspecting Medical Officer has paid a visit to the locality mentioned above and made a report on the necessity for such a dispensary;

(*e*) whether he recommended the opening of one; and

(*f*) whether any provision for the opening of a dispensary is made in the Budget for 1108?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No provision is made for new dispensaries in the Budget for 1108 on account of the prevailing financial stringency.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know when it came to the notice of the Government?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): First in 1921 but then, the Government ordered that a dispensary was not necessary there.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): With regard to part, (*d*), may I know when the Medical Officer visited the locality?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In 1928.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): So, it has taken seven long years, from 1921 to 1928, for the Government to send their medical officer to see the place?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What I said was that, in 1921, Government decided that a dispensary was not necessary there. It was after repeated representations made by the people since then that the question was reconsidered by Government, and the Medical Officer inspected the locality in 1928 and recommended the opening of a dispensary there.

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MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Has any other new dispensary been sanctioned since 1928, since the Medical Officer recommended the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) Other dispensaries might have been sanctioned since 1928.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know why Puthenchira alone was forgotten ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The others, that have been sanctioned or opened, were considered more urgent.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) The need for this is being pressed before Government from 1921. Still the Government do not consider this urgent ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is mainly a question of funds. This also will be taken up soon.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : When, may I know?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : As soon as funds permit.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know whether the Medical Officer has submitted any estimate regarding the cost of opening the dispensary?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, he says it may cost about Rs. 3,000.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Was there any financial stringency in 1928 ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; but the idea then was that these dispensaries should not be taken up piecemeal, one by one. So, this was allowed to lie over.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : How long has it been lying over ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I think provision was made for it in 1106. In 1107 there were no funds.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : No provision seems to have been made in the Budget for 1108 also ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is because of want of funds.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : But the necessity for it has been recognised long before the present financial stringency.

PRESIDENT : You must not argue like that.

Improvement of the road from 3rd mile of the Tiruvalla-Kozhenchery road to Changanachery.

387. **MR. M. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to take up the work of improving the road from the 3rd mile of the Tiruvalla-Kozhenchery road to Changanachery, next year ?

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